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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 83

Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan

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January 14, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to Alcohol Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 83, as amended, Buchanan. Alcohol Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2014 as Alcohol Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive
2 substance in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, One in every 12 adults in the United States (17.6
4 million people) suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

5 WHEREAS, Nationwide, 100,000 persons die each year from
6 alcohol-related causes, including, but not limited to, drinking and
7 driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related
8 homicides, and suicides; and

9 WHEREAS, Alcohol-related problems cost the United States
10 \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism,
11 health care costs, crime, and family-related problems; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2012, 28 percent of all traffic deaths in
13 California were a result of drinking and driving; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010, underage drinking in California cost the
15 state and its citizens \$6.8 billion, including medical care and lost
16 time at work; and

17 WHEREAS, Young people who begin drinking before 15 years
18 of age are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence
19 than those who begin drinking at 21 years of age; and

20 WHEREAS, Alcohol Justice and Writers in Treatment are
21 coproducing the REEL Recovery Film Festival—San Francisco
22 Bay Area Edition, April 24 to 27, 2014, inclusive, to more publicly
23 and effectively bring alcoholism and addiction out of the closet,
24 reduce the stigma, and raise public awareness; and

25 WHEREAS, Screening for Mental Health, Inc., will hold
26 National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) on April 10, 2014, as
27 an outreach, education, and screening program that will raise
28 awareness about alcohol misuse and refers individuals with alcohol
29 problems for further treatment, and since the inception of NASD
30 in 1999, thousands of colleges, universities, community-based
31 organizations, and military installations provide the program to
32 the public each year; and

33 WHEREAS, The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug
34 Dependence, Inc. sponsors Alcohol Awareness Month, held every
35 April to increase public awareness and understanding aimed at
36 reducing the stigma associated with alcoholism that too often
37 prevents individuals and families from seeking help; now,
38 therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins the National Council

1 on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. and hereby recognizes
2 April 2014 as Alcohol Awareness Month in California, and calls
3 upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and
4 private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in
5 California to support efforts that will reduce stigma, increase
6 community awareness, and increase support for individuals and
7 families coping with alcoholism; and be it further
8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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